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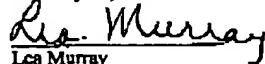
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 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION**

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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of November 26, 2004, and to a telephone interview with the Examiner on February 16, 2005. This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant requests that the Amendment after Final that was filed on February 3, 2005 **not be entered**.

Applicant requests that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed Feb. 3, 2005 (in part electronically filed) **be entered**.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 42 of this paper.